ASTERISK VOL.2

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△キオ Kio
AN ANGEL HE TAKES CARE OF MANIFIS
HE HAS WINGS THE COLOR OF THE SUN
HE'S GOT A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.
フラウ Fraw △
ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS.
KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND
HE'S KEPT HIS POSITION A SECRET FROM KIO.

*THE ANGELS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES. IN THE ANGELS' WORLD, THE HIERARCHY GOES LIKE THIS. ARCHANGELS, THE SEVEN ANGELS, OFFICERS, AND ANGELS AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT MISSIONS. *THE 'ANGEL' KIO'S JOB IS TO FREE HUMAN SOULS FROM MANIFIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND FRAW HAD AIMED TO BE ONE OF THE SEVEN IN ORDER TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO HELP KIO. BUT HE KEPT THIS A SECRET FROM KIO. *AFTER A FIGHT AGAINST MANIFIS, THEY BOTH WENT BACK TO THE ANGELS' WORLD TO HEAL KIO'S INJURIES. BUT...

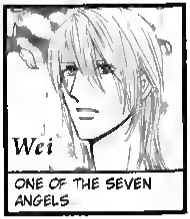
MANIFIS EVIL SPIRITS THAT POSSESS PART OF A DECEASED SOUL OR A LIVING HUMAN

READ VOLUME 1 TO KNOW MORE!

STORY AND CAST

HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS

PREVIOUSLY ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HE'S GOT A SCAR ON HIS FACE.



ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS

アスタリスク
ASTERISK
3

KIO!
KIO, COME QUICK! PLEASE! IT'S TERRIBLE!
DEAN AND ANTE, THEY'RE

DEAN!
ANTE, STOP IT!
YOU'RE GOING TO HURT YOUR WINGS!
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, KIO. THIS GUY CHEATED DURING THE TEST.
I DID NOT!
AND YET YOU WERE HIDING OTHER ANGELS' FEATHERS ON YOU.
I WAS, BUT I DIDN'T USE THEM!
Slap
AH!

KIO!
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S AT FAULT, BUT...
USING A FEATHER TO HARM A FRIEND IS SOMETHING AN ANGEL SHOULD NEVER DO
RIGHT, DEAN?

ANTE WOULDN'T CHEAT! RIGHT?
SORRY, I THINK I LOST MY TEMPER IN SPITE OF MYSELF
DEAN'S ONLY FEELING BITTER BECAUSE HE FAILED THE TEST.
KIO, ARE YOU OKAY!?
DEAN
WELL... ERR.. YOU KNOW HOW I LOVE GATHERING FEATHERS, RIGHT? AND SINCE I'M ALWAYS CARRYING LOADS OF THEM, THEY KINDA GOT MIXED WITH MINE, AND SOMEHOW...
ANTE?
I'LL GO TELL THE TEACHER RIGHT HOW
Shiver
Shiver
Sorry
MAYBE...
But see since Dean pointed it out to me I saw it was wrong and
YOU... USED THEM ...?

Push
LET'S GO GET YOU LOOKED AFTER, KIO.
Y yeah.
FRAW?
I HATE THEM!!!
I HATE ANTE,
AND I HATE DEAN TOO ...!
AND LYS AS WELL, FOR RELYING ON YOU.
THEY HURT YOU AND I HATE THEM!

THEY'RE JUST ALL GETTING NERVOUS BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS
SO WHAT? WE CAN'T AVOID IT, CAN WE!?
YOU SHOULD GET ANGRY TOO, KIO.
DEAN PICKS FIGHTS WITH YOU AS WELL AS ANTE,
AND ANTE'S SELFISH.
FRAW !!!
YOU'VE STARTED TO SAY HARSH THINGS TOO, YOU KNOW
you don't under-stand
DON'T CRY
I.. IF ONLY I COULD TEND TO YOUR INJURIES IT WOULD BE BETTER.
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS HURTING YOURSELF

THEN ONE DAY YOU'LL LOOK AFTER ME
I THINK THAT SORT OF THING WOULD SUIT YOU, FRAW
BECAUSE YOU'RE SO GENTLE, YOU'RE EVEN CRYING FOR OTHERS
A MEDIC ?
YEP,
WE WOULDN'T BE IN THE SAME CLASSES ANYMORE, THOUGH
Separate classes?
We'll be able to see each other after classes, right?

I FELL ASLEEP?
YAWN
SO YOU WERE TIRED TOO AFTER ALL
ARE YOU OK?
YEAH, I'M FINE NOW
MEW
MILK?

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, KID WENT BACK TO EARTH ALONE
YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?

Mew Mew
Mew
HM?
WHY ARE YOU STILL COMPLAINING, SILK?
MILK WAS FRAW'S CELESTIAL BEAST TO BEGIN WITH, SO IT'S BETTER THIS WAY.

OH RIGHT, ITS *LORD* FRAW NOW, ISN'T IT?
HE'S ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS, RIGHT? OUR RANKS AREN'T EVEN COMPARABLE ANYMORE

LORD FRAW.
YOU SEE, KIO,
AT THAT TIME,
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE
MY POSITION IS NOW...
AFTER THAT, I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT SORT OF DISCUSSION WE HAD!
ALL I CAN REMEMBER IS...
THE FRUSTRATION, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE SUFFERING.
AND FRAW...
HE HAD... THAT LOOK AS IF HE WERE GOING TO CRY, LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS.
FUMP
WAH!

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. I AIN'T ONE OF THE SEVEN ANYMORE
"Lord" is off-limits!
BUT IT FEELS WRONG CALLING YOU JUST BY YOUR NAME NOW
ARE YOU WORKING?
YEAH, OVER THERE
YO!
LORD TENRI
IT'S HIDDEN, SO YOU WON'T SEE IT. BUT THE WOMAN ON THE LEFT, IT'S IN HER NECKLACE
THE STONE'S PRETTY OLD. IT'S A JADE, RIGHT?
OH, BY THE WAY, I... TENRI,
YOU HID THE TRUTH FROM ME, ABOUT FRAW
BUT FRAW GAVE ME HIS "TELL AND I'LL KILL YOU" LOOK...
I BET YOU JUST FOUND IT INTERESTING
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE? ARE YOU FEELING INFERIOR?
I AM NOT!

OH?
EH?
WHAT IS IT?
ANTE!?
IT REALLY IS ANTE
Pick me up girls?
Ewip
IT'S... NOTHING, I... WAS WONDERING IF IT WAS GOING TO RAIN...
IT WON'T TODAY

SPEAKING OF KIO, WASN'T HE ON MANIFIS DUTY?
WAIT, THAT CAN'T MEAN
OH CRAP IT'D BE OKAY IF IT WAS ONLY KIO, BUT EVEN LORD TENRI'S HERE.
Humans can't see them right now
EH? BUT WHY!?
Let's go some where and have some coffee shall we.
Then let's go to this new AOA tea-house!
Slither
Slide
MA...!
EH,?
A MANIFIS ...!?
HEY, ARE YOU REALLY AL-RIGHT?
Slide

THIS SOUL IS NOT YOURS.
SHE'S MINE.
I RELEASE YOU.

(SFX: SLAM)
(SFX: BEEEP)
(SFX: FLARE)

AH, OH, TIME'S FROZEN!?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED
IT WAS SO PAIN-FUL
MY SPIRIT WAS CON-TROLLED FOR SO LONG
EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT NOW, YOU CAN RETURN TO HEAVEN
THANK YOU
Flare
THANK YOU
...
ANTE.

TIME'S MOVING NOW.
Cli
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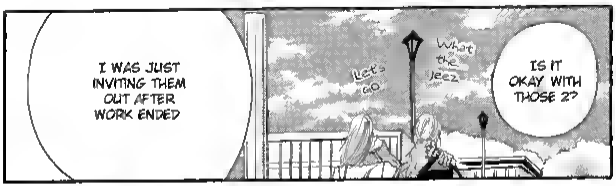
HEY, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING
Y... YEAH


I WAS JUST INVITING THEM OUT AFTER WORK ENDED
Let's go
What the heck
IS IT OKAY WITH THOSE 2?

ARE YOU REALLY DOING YOUR JOB SERI-OUSLY!?
I AM!
LOOKS LIKE WE KEPT JUST MISSING EACH OTHER.
IT'S BEEN A YEAR, RIGHT?

Hm?
Mumble
Hmph
WHAT?
NOTH-ING.
EVEN YOU KNEW ABOUT IT.

Hey ?
HE'S ALREADY LEFT
TENRI?
WHERE'S LORD TENRI?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S JUST "TENRI" NOW.

SO KIO, YOU'RE NOW... WHAT IS IT, ALREADY? HAVE YOU EARNED YOURSELF A REPUTATION YET?
THAT'S THE FIRST I SAW YOU HANDLE A MANIFIS, AND YOU WERE GREAT.
SO YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS SORT OF THING ALL ALONG
CONNECTING PEOPLE MUST BE HARD, TOO.
I JUST FIND PEOPLE WITH THE SAME LIGHT, AND LEAD THEM TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER.
IT'S NOTHING DANGEROUS.
WE'RE ANGELS.
OUR DUTY IS TO MAINTAIN THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES.
MY JOB
IS TO GET RID OF MANIFIS. THEY'RE EVIL SPIRITS WITH NO REAL BODIES THAT TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PARTS OF A DECEASED HUMAN'S SOUL THAT WERE LEFT IN THIS WORLD.

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN RELEASING NUMEROUS SOULS INCLUDING SOME WHO HAD SUFFERED FOR A VERY LONG TIME
AND, THE SOULS BEING POSSESSED CAN'T BE REINCARNATED
THE MANIFS USE HUMAN SOULS TO INCREASE THE HARM BEING DONE TO LIVING HUMANS
BUT, THE NUMBER OF MANIFS HASN'T DECREASED.
HOW'S CREPE?
ARE GIVEN A "CELESTIAL FEAST"
THE ANGELS WHO WORK ON EARTH
HSSSS
AH, SILK
HSSSS
HE SHOULD BE WAKING UP BY NOW
STILL AS STUBBORN AS EVER.
SHE EVEN BITES OFFICERS, YOU KNOW

CREPE, YOU LOOK WELL

CREPE, IT'S KIO.
THE JOB OF A CELESTIAL BEAST IS TO CONTACT THE ANGELS' WORLD IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THEIR MASTER

ARE YOUR EYES ROTTEN!?
WHAT ...!?
I CAN'T HELP IT WHEN I SEE SOMETHING CUTE.

Huggle

I'VE HEARD IT FROM THE OFFICERS, BUT
YOU'RE STILL PUTTING YOURSELF AT A DISADVANTAGE
YOU KEEP INJURING YOURSELF LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS, AND EVEN WHEN YOU DO DIFFICULT JOBS, YOU LOSE POINTS
I'M NOT AFTER A PROMOTION, SO THAT'S WHY I'M STILL THE WAY I AM,
BUT I THOUGHT THAT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE WOULD GO TO THE VERY TOP.
IT'S OKAY
I PREFER THIS WAY, TOO
KIO,
LET'S BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN
THAT WAS NOT A PROMISE

IT'S ALRIGHT, THIS WAY.
THAT'S WHY...
IF HE HAD TOLD ME RIGHT AWAY, I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY...
INSTEAD, FOR SOME WEIRD REASON, HE HID IT UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT
AAAAH, ENOUGH!
ANTE! LET'S GO GET SOME ICE CREAM!
Shock
-Hey!?
IN THIS COLD WEATHER!?
I WANT SOME!
ONCE HE'S SET HIS MIND ON SOMETHING, HE WON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE
I understand
I'LL TREAT YOU.

KIO
WHAT?
THERE'S A LIGHT COMING FROM HERE
MARON?
IT'S MARON
HE'S LYS'S CELESTIAL BEAST, ISN'T HE?
BUT I CAN'T SEE LYS'S LIGHT ANYWHERE NEAR.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HURT.
MORE LIKE HE'S IN SHOCK AND CAN'T WAKE UP
ANTE, YOU'RE GOOD AT FINDING PEOPLE BY THE COLOR OF THEIR LIGHT, RIGHT?
YOU LOOK FOR LYS, THEN

UH
WHERE AM I...?
cough
cough
GOT THEM
AH!
AH!

AH...
AM I IN A CLOSET?
LOADS OF CLOTHES
I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED
Ow...
MARON?
MARON?
HE WAS STILL WITH ME OUTSIDE
I HOPE HE WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE
THIS WAY HE'LL GO TO THE ANGELS' WORLD FOR HELP
NO, I CAN'T. I SHOULDN'T RELY ON OTHERS ANYMORE!
I HAVE TO FIND HIM!
WHO?

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
shock
SHOW US, SHOW US.
WHAT COLOR WILL HER WINGS BE, I WONDER?
THAT'S ANOTHER DELICIOUS-LOOKING ANGEL

I... IT'S FULL OF MANI-FIS —!?
WHAT'S THAT, SHE ISN'T FIGHTING BACK?
LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE ANGELS WHO MAKE HUMANS MEET.
OH, RIGHT, DIDN'T I HEAR THAT MANIFIS EAT ANGELS !?
SHOULD WE PULL OUT HER WINGS?
WHILE YOU'RE HERE, YOU WON'T NEED THEM, SEE.
LET'S EAT JUST HER WINGS.
I THOUGHT SO—!
YOU CAN'T.

I THOUGHT I HAD TOLD YOU TO JUST STAND GUARD.
YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN, YOU WEAKLINGS
EAT JUST ONE OF THIS LADY'S FEATHERS,
AND YOU'LL BE WANDERING IN PRISON FOR ETERNITY.
WE... GET IT
WAIT, KIO!
STOP HERE.
WHO IS HE...!?

SHE'S HERE?
YEAH, I FOUND HER.
BUT...
THERE'S ANOTHER WEAK LIGHT CLOSE BY
IT'S TOO WEAK. I CAN'T TELL WHO IT IS...
WHERE?
ON THE LAST FLOOR OF THAT SKY-SCRAPER.

OVER... THERE?
KIO? We're not going?
Waah! IT'S CRAMMED FULL OF MANIFIS.
In there!
RUMBLE
THEN MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF I WAIT FOR YOU HERE, RIGHT!?
He's got no abilities to fight against Manifis
Huff
I'M GOING TO SEE HOW IT IS INSIDE
COULD YOU GO TO THE ANGELS' WORLD TO REPORT AND ASK FOR REINFORCEMENTS?
Y... YEAH

Swish
<SFX. BOOM>
Wha?!

Boom
LET ME SEE WHAT SORT OF ANGELS YOU ARE
IF YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME COME USING YOUR WINGS

〈SFX: SNAP SNAP〉
〈SFX: CRASH〉
〈SFX: SLIP〉
〈SFX: GRAB〉

TAP
AN...
OW...
CREPE AND MARON ARE SAFE.
ANTE!
FLIP

I'LL GO TAKE CARE OF THOSE GUYS FIRST.
EH!?
YOU STAY HERE AND REST.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO GO ASK FOR HELP?
AS FOR ME, I DON'T THINK I CAN MOVE.
HM..
BUT IF ANGELS ARE FIGHTING AGAINST MANIFIS IN THERE, WE WON'T HAVE TIME
BESIDES..

EVEN THOUGH I'D TOLD YOU...
—AH...
NOT TO COME ANYMORE...
PLEASE, LOOK AFTER SILK FOR ME
DON'T BITE HIM, SILK
FREEZE TIME!

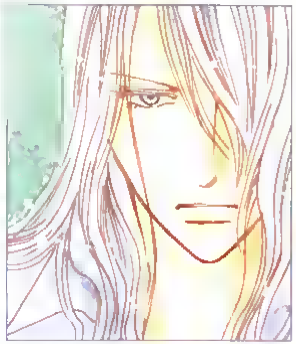
FLAP
AH, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ENERGY TO RAISE YOUR HEAD ANY-MORE?
LOOK, YOUR COMPANIONS HAVE COME FOR YOU
LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T AFFORD TO RELAX ANY-MORE, CAN I?
COME HERE
MILK
MEW
MEW
REALLY
HE'S AS COOL AS EVER

THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND THIS WINDOW ...
WHAT...?
THERE'S BLACK STUFF ...
DEEEAAAN!

Hey!
Slam
Slam
Slam
Slam—Slam
I CAN JUST HEAR SOMEONE HITTING THE WINDOW
WHO IS IT...?
I...
STAY AWAY...
BUT... MAYBE IT'S AN ANGEL...
THEY'RE USING ME TO CATCH ANGELS...
AS BAIT...
GET... AWAY.

(SFX: SLAM)
Slam
Slam
Slam
Slam
HE THE WINDOW ?
IT'S NO USE THAT GLASS IS_
I'M ALRIGHT. JUST RUN AWAY!

(SFX: CRASH)
DID HE GIVE UP?
OR WAS HE CAUGHT?
SHIT
SFX: SWISH
...EH!?
THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE PERSON WHO'D BE SO RECKLESS FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE.
I SEE
The antenna from another house.
...I THINK I'M GOING TO LOSE POINTS AGAIN.
◆ ASTERISK 3 / THE END ◆



●2巻目です！　読んで下さってありがとうございます！　この話にはいろんな動物が出ます。私は動物を描く時、映像とか本物とかとにかく動いてるのを観察してから描いています。でも猫は体が柔らかいせいか描くのが難しいです。

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【収録作品】
キオ&フラウが贈る、天使達の新感覚バトル&テイル第2巻!!　フラウが七天使に昇格していた事を知り動揺するキオ。そんな中、キオの幼なじみの天使がマニヒスに捕らえられ!?　キオとシルクの描下し「ねぇ仲間になって」4頁も収録♪

アスタリスク
ASTERISK
4

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DEAN?
I... DIOT...
Hm?
Wsshh

THIS IS THE ENEMY'S NEST
I KNOW, IT'S CRAMMED FULL WITH MANIFIS
I'M FINE, SO...
CLANK
IT'S NOT JUST YOU,
I THINK THEY'VE CALIGHT LYS AS WELL
CHURCH
CHURCH
LYS...?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
SHE'S SOME-WHERE ON THIS FLOOR
FOR THE TIME BEING, LET'S GET THIS OFF.
KIO?
SKY...?
EH...?
SKY'S...
SKY...
Oh

HERE'S ANOTHER ...
ANGEL WITH A RARE COLOR.

Slash
THIS SOUND !
Slam

Thunk
YOU FLY WELL SINCE YOU'RE SO LIGHT
Sssst
I DIDN'T FEEL HIS PRES-ENCE ...
IT'S THE SAME AS BACK THEN ...WHO THE HELL ...?
SKY'S BODY TEMPERA-TURE IS DROPPING
IF NOBODY TENDS TO HIM
SLITHER

IF HE GETS CAUGHT, HE'LL END UP LIKE ME
KIO...
Kwsh
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

DEAN, I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU!
I'LL SAVE YOU NO MATTER WHAT. SO DON'T GIVE UP!

FWSH
Ok?
Rumble
Wsh

I MISSED ONE.
Slice
Stab

YOU LEFT ME BEHIND, YOU KNOW

I TOLD YOU I WOULD STAY WITH YOU.
YOU DECIDED THAT ON YOUR OWN —
AND YOU'RE STILL BEING SO RECK-LESS
FR...FRAW!?
Tap
NOBODY SAID WE HAD TO STAY TO-GETHER!
WASN'T I SUPPOSED TO BE THE ANGRY ONE HERE?
IT'S NOT A GOOD TIME TO QUARREL
SKY'S INJURIES ARE SE-RIOUS
AH...
I'LL TEND TO HIM.
YEAH —

KIO,
I DID IT!
BEFORE, I WAS ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE YOU TOLD
YOU HID SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING FROM ME OUT OF PITY
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE FURIOUS
THERE ARE NO BROKEN BONES AND THE WOUNDS HAVE CLOSED. HE JUST NEEDS TO REST AND HE'LL BE ALRIGHT
THAT WAS LIKE THE OLD DAYS
NO I WAS WONDERING... HOW'S SKY?
Ah!
KIO?

Rustle
Rustle
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!
Please!
Rustle
Rustle
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE YOU'VE PATTED MY HEAD!
DO IT AGAIN!
NO WAY!
WHAT'D HE GET CHEERFUL FOR?
This guy!
AH!
Meow
SILK, I TOLD YOU TO BEHAVE YOURSELF
EH? ANTE, YOU CAN MOVE
I . I THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE OKAY, NOW
WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE LOOK AFTER SKY FOR ME
SKY ...!?
THAT MEANS
YES,
DEAN HAS BEEN CAP-TURED

Grind
uwaa!
...WAS IT THANKS TO HIM?
I'VE REGAINED A LITTLE OF MY POWER.
KIO... WAS HE ABLE TO ESCAPE SAFELY?
SHIT...! MY POWER'S GONE AGAIN.
WHEN YOUR POWER COMES BACK THOSE BINDINGS STEAL IT TOO BAD
REGARDLESS THAT ANGEL JUST NOW WAS QUITE INTERESTING.
THE COLOR OF HIS WINGS TOO BUT HE WAS QUITE BOISTEROUS FOR AN ANGEL

DON'T GIVE UP!
SO THERE REALLY ARE ANGELS WILLING TO GO TO SUCH LENGTHS TO HELP OTHERS, EH?
Stumble
KIO, YOU AREN'T GOING TO REST?
YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF TO LEARN TECHNIQUES WE CAN'T DO YET.
BUT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.
Z-Z-Gt
Z-Z-Gt
Clap
Snap
SHOULDN'T YOU LEARN HEALING TECHNIQUES FIRST, THOUGH?
FRAW IS STUDYING THOSE, SO I WANT TO LEARN ALL OF THIS

I WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY...

ALL OF IT —!?
THAT WOULD TAKE YOUR WHOLE LIFE!
ONE LIFETIME ISN'T EVEN ENOUGH!

DON'T SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE JUST BE-CAUSE YOU CAN'T DO IT!

YOU'VE HURT YOUR-SELF AGAIN
YOU CAN LOOK AFTER HIM, FRAW
SEE YOU!

KIO!

Ah ha ha ha
IF YOU'RE JUST HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME YOU CAN LEAVE!
AND TO-MORROW YOU'LL BE DOZING OFF ALL DAY

I WONDER IF HE'LL REALLY COME BACK?
EVEN IF IT TAKES TIME, HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL.
AFTER THAT, HE ACTUALLY DID MASTER THAT TECHNIQUE.
HE'LL COME
THAT GUY WILL NEVER GIVE UP

SLIDE
THE MANIFIS TOOK POSSESSION OF THE SOULS LEFT IN THE ANTIQUES IN THAT HOTEL AND NOW THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND
IF WE LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT, THEY'LL END UP CAUSING HARM TO THE PEOPLE INSIDE.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE, WE HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY UP
KIO!
Wait a second
Grab

FRAW
I'LL BE FINISHED QUICKLY
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
AREN'T I ALWAYS GOING ALONG WITH FRAW, IN THE END?
YOUR INJURIES
You're cut everywhere
Let's get those healed
EH!
YEAH
YOU'RE STILL.. ANGRY?

WHAT... ARE YOU DOING?!
NOW THAT YOU'RE ONE OF THE SEVEN, YOU CAN'T KNEEL IN FRONT OF A MERE ANGEL!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
NO MATTER THE REASONS, I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU

He sat down
NO
NO
SO, YOU'RE NOT HIDING ANYTHING ELSE FOR SOME WEIRD REASON?
THEN YOU'LL STOP FOL-LOWING ME AROUND
I can't do
That
THAT'S SO SLY!
FRAW
I'M NOT FORGIV-ING YOU AFTER ALL!
KIO!
GO AND DO YOUR JOB AS ONE OF THE SEVEN!
I'M DOING IT!

I WANTED TO BECOME YOUR STRENGTH, KIO.
I TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED YOU!
KIO,
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN FIRST...
WAIT!
creak
THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER.
I...!

DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T BE HAPPY, KNOWING YOU'D BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN!?
KIO.
YOU KNOW I
I
I HATE LOSING. BUT THAT'S SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
I WANTED YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO KNOW, KIO.
.....

I WANTED TO TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY,
BUT EVEN WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WAS AN OFFICER, YOU ALREADY STARTED TO DISTANCE YOURSELF.
SO, IF YOU FOUND OUT THAT I WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN, THEN I THOUGHT YOU'D ..
WHEN I WAS ANGRY WITH FRAU,
HE WOULD ALWAYS CLING TO ME, CRYING, UNTIL I'D FORGIVEN HIM.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS ANGRY, I NEVER ONCE HATED HIM. BUT HE
WAS ALWAYS AFRAID I WOULD AND WORRIED OVER IT.

Tonk
IS HE REGRETTING THE ACTIONS HE TOOK AFTER I LEFT HIM IN THE ANGELS' WORLD?
YES, IT'S OBVIOUS, LOOKING AT HIM NOW
IF IT WASN'T FRAU
WOULDN'T HURT SO MUCH
IT'S ALRIGHT. I GET IT.

KIO...
Ha ha ha
ONE OF THE SEVEN SHOULDN'T WEAR THAT EXPRESSION, YOU KNOW
IN FRONT OF YOU, I'M JUST A MERE ANGEL.
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED INSIDE.
Yeah.

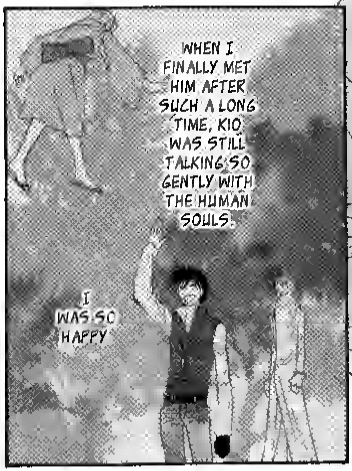
...ERR, MAYBE NOW'S NOT THE BEST TIME TO BE RELAXING.

WE'RE SUR-
ROUNDED
SHALL
WE
GO?
YEAH

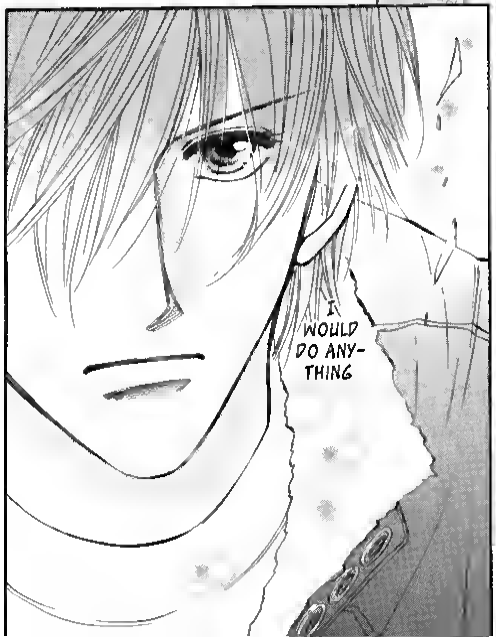
Thud
Thud
Smash

YES
THANK YOU.
YOU CAN GO BACK TO HEAVEN NOW.
ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT TO EACH OF THEM?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? GETTING THEM TO GO BACK TO HEAVEN IS MY ORIGINAL MISSION, YOU KNOW
I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH ...
QUITE A LOT OF ANGELS ON MANY OCCASIONS ...

I WANTED TO BECOME KIO'S STRENGTH, SO I LEARNED A LOT OF TECHNIQUES...
AND I KEPT MYSELF AWAY FROM HIM UNTIL I WAS IN A POSITION THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO STAY AT HIS SIDE
DURING THAT TIME,
I KEPT WONDERING IF KIO WOULD END UP CHANGING BY FIGHTING THE MANIFIS, BUT
BUT NONE THAT I SAW TREATED THE HUMAN SOULS AS GENTLY AS KIO DOES


WHEN I FINALLY MET HIM AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, KIO WAS STILL TALKING SO GENTLY WITH THE HUMAN SOULS.
I WAS SO HAPPY

YOU SUFFERED A LOT, BUT IT'S ALRIGHT NOW.


I WOULD DO ANY-THING

IF IT'S FOR KIO'S SAKE.

KIO!
Bite
<SFX SLAM>
I THINK WE'RE DONE WITH THIS FLOOR.
KIO, YOU SHOULD REST A LITTLE
THE MANIFIS WERE ALL AIMING FOR YOU
I'M NOT TIRED
KIO, WAIT
Swish

Sssst
Slide
WHAT ? MY BODY FEELS LIGHTER.
SO YOU WERE TIRED AFTER ALL
AH...
THAT'S ANOTHER METHOD FOR HEALING
Oh,?
THANKS
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING
ARE YOU TIRED, FRAW?

I CAN ALSO USE THAT TECHNIQUE ON MYSELF
I SEE
LET'S GO, KIO.
YEAH
THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS OF THEM UPSTAIRS
IT'S WEIRD
I CAN'T SENSE THE MANIFIS ANYMORE
Haaa
SWish

BOOM
FRAW!
slither
slither
slide
slither
THAT'S HIM!
THE ONE WHO CAPTURED DEAN

(SFX: SLITHER)
FIRST
SECOND
THIRD
FOURTH
METEOR EXPLO-SION!

Slash
Huff
FIFTH STAR!
FAN!

Thunk
Thunk
Flap
Ss
St
THAT WAS HIS DOING
IT FEELS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE MANIFIS UP TILL NOW

LYS.
LYS?
THIS FEATHER.
Flutter
Ewsh
Flutter
LYS?
Clack
Clack
Clack

LYS!
WAIT, KIO!
IT MIGHT BE A TRAP.
KIO.

I'LL GO
MAYBE, BUT STILL!
I UNDER-STAND
IF THAT GUY DID SET A TRAP, YOU CAN COVER ME
.NO FRAW. YOU STAY HERE
BE CARE-FUL
Flap

HAS SHE BEEN ROBBED OF HER POWER LIKE DEAN?
LYS...
HEY!
I HAVE TO CUT THIS OFF HER
SHOULD I USE A FEATHER TECHNIQUE?
Slide
!?

YOU...!
Gaba
YOU REALLY DID COME BACK, DIDN'T YOU?
AN ANGEL THE COLOR OF THE SUN
KIO ...!
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[Hints to read this book]

- For those who already know a lot about angels, I advise you to forget what you know and read this
- There are no "demons", just "spirits"
- In the Angels' World
  - There is no night
  - There is no glass in the windows it never rains,
  - And therefore it never snows
  - But there are 4 seasons (however it's never too hot nor too cold)
  - Beds float like clouds
- When angels grow up, they're fine without much sleep. And they don't need to eat, either
- Humans can't see an angel's wings or feathers, but they can see their animals
- Kio's way of speaking was greatly influenced by

That's all for today!

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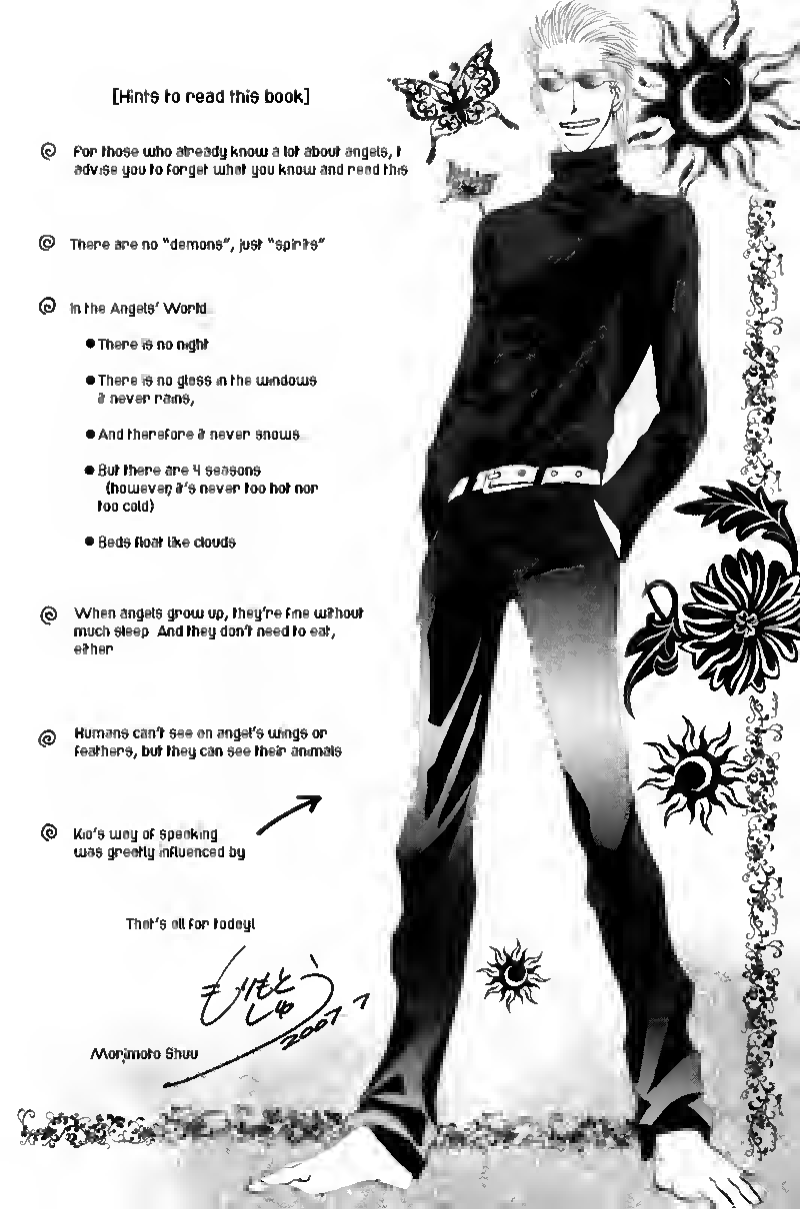

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THIS GUY...
HAD TAKEN LYS'S SHAPE!?
ARE YOU... A MANIFIS...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
fwsh

Slither slide
Swsh
Swsh
I RELEASE YOU!

Grab
THAT'S USELESS
IT CAN'T BE...
THIS BODY DOESN'T BELONG TO A HUMAN.
Tremble

A MANIFIS
...
IN THE SHAPE OF A NORMAL HUMAN BEING!?
THIS BODY IS THE ORIGINAL.

Slik
I'LL TAKE SOME SO THAT YOU CAN CALM DOWN A LITTLE
YOU'RE FAR TOO FULL OF ENERGY
THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN TAKING DEAN'S POWER...!?
Slide Slide
I DON'T THINK IT'S THE BEST TIME FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR COMPANION.
FRAW!

slither
fwsh
GENJIRO

Boom
HE ATTACKED HIS OWN ARMS!?
TOUCH FRAW OR ANY OF MY FRIENDS ANYMORE!
I WON'T LET YOU...

MORE THAN THAT, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ANGEL
THIS SUN-COLORED ANGEL
IS WILLING TO GO THAT FAR FOR HIS FRIENDS?
FWSH

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET ONE WITH THIS SORT OF POWER.
AS I THOUGHT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO DESTROY HIM WITH THE USUAL TECHNIQUES
Sw
sh
CHUMBLE
FRAW,
DON'T GET HURT

SLIDE
HIS WINGS
DID HE PUT ON PURPOSE?
IS HE RETREATING AGAIN?
WELL, YOU'LL COME BACK AGAIN, RIGHT?
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.
FWIP

Flap
LET'S GO FIND THAT OTHER ANGEL...
<SFX: THUD>
EVEN IF YOU HAVE SOME SECRET PLAN...
YOU'RE BACK AL-READY?

THAT'S...
GUNT

<SFX: FWOOSH>

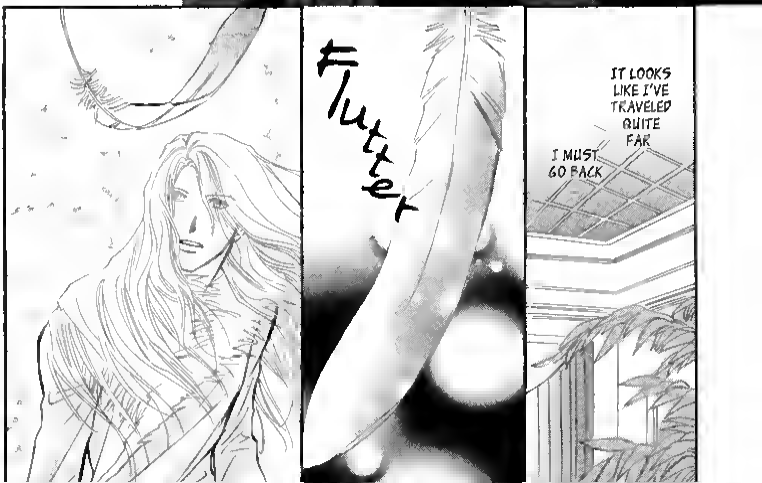
(SFX: SWOOSH)

Flap
Grip
HE WON'T EVEN DISAPPEAR WITH THAT?
FAR FROM IT. APPARENTLY, I CAN FEEL HIS POWER INSIDE IT.
FIRST, LET'S GO HELP FRAW
<SFX: BOOM?>
?!
THUD
THWACK
FRAW!
WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE!?

Slip
Slip
Slide
Slip
(SFX: SLAM)
Slide
Slither
Slide
WHAT IS THIS, THEY'RE JUST LIKE VINES.
I'LL CUT THROUGH THEM.
SLAM

I'M STILL
NOT STRONG ENOUGH.
I'M NOT FIT TO BECOME KIO'S STRENGTH YET.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE SLOWED DOWN BY THESE THINGS.
—BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER.
KIO!

Haa
THEY'RE... FINALLY GONE
IF IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH...
I WILL GAIN THE STRENGTH I NEED.


IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE TRAVELED QUITE FAR
I MUST GO BACK
Flutter

WAIT HERE
KIO'S PUPPET FEATHER
GOOD, HE'S SAFE ...
I'M COMING RIGHT NOW.

Creak
BUT WON'T WE GET IN TROUBLE?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Dash
AH!
HEY, SHE'S GETTING AWAY!
HEY, YOU GO CHECK WHAT'S HAPPENING.
THE BUILDING'S SHAKING
WH.. WHAT'S THAT?
Ah!
DEAN!
LYS..?

NO!
SINCE SHE RAN AWAY, LET'S EAT HER!
THAT'S RIGHT!
AH HEY...?

SL
A
M
YOU...
GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!

KIO?
Jump
Haa Haa
I'M ALRIGHT
WE HAVE TO HURRY.
KIO...
KIO! YOU'RE BADLY INJURED
HE'S... COMING.
YOU MEAN THE GUY WITH THE LONG BLACK HAIR...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'VE STOPPED HIM... FOR A WHILE...
Tap Tap Tap Tap Tap

WE MUST TAKE CARE OF DEAN QUICKLY.
KIO .
Haa
Haa
I'M... ALRIGHT
F... FRAW
EH!
I'LL DO IT
EH... YEAH
AH... DON'T TOUCH THAT STUFF
I KNOW

AH, YEAH
LYS, GET BACK A LITTLE
AH-
WHAM
SST
SORRY... TO THINK IT WOULD COME TO THIS...
IT'S OK.
THIS METHOD WILL BE A BIT ROUGH, THOUGH.
JUMP
SOME-THING'S STUCK ON ME -?!

KIO!
EH!
<SFX SLIDE>
!?
SUCH A PITY.

Swsh
IN YOUR TRAP, IT WAS LIKE THE SKY.
STOP THERE!

IF YOU HURT ME NOW, THIS ANGEL WILL SUFFER FROM IT TOO
Twirl
Twirl
slide
INTEREST-ING.
LET'S SEE WHICH OF US WILL BEAR THE BRUNT OF IT.

slip
slip
KIO.
I'LL BE ALRIGHT JUST DO IT FRAW
BUT...
YOU CAN TEND TO ME AFTER-WARDS,
FRAW.
THAT'S A NICE PRO-POSAL BUT I THINK I'LL PASS THIS TIME.
I'LL TAKE THIS ANGEL WITH ME, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY, I WON'T KILL HIM RIGHT AWAY.
FRA...

IF YOU FORCE ME TO KILL YOUR COMPANION, IT'LL BE AS IF YOU KILLED HIM YOURSELF
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THAT ANGEL'S STRENGTH

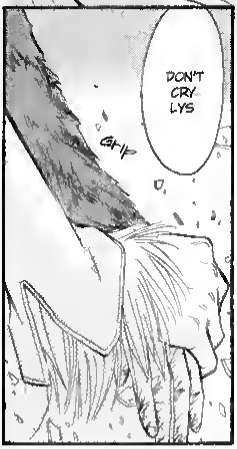
Rustle
Rustle
Thrust
Slash

YOU WERE ABLE... TO STAB ME... WITH YOUR FEATHER... AN ANGEL LIKE THAT... CAN'T...
FWSH
CRUMBLE

Crumble
Crumble
Crumble
Hmm
I'M ALRIGHT
SORRY KIO
I'M SORRY

KIO, FRAW TH THANK YOU...
Ugh
IT'S GOOD THAT EVERYONE'S ALRIGHT
SEE, I TOLD YOU . I'D DO . IT

KIO FRAW


DON'T CRY LYS
Grip

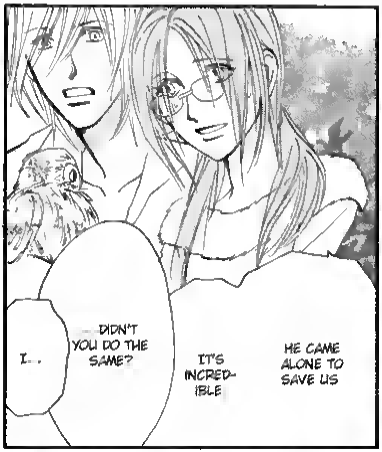
THANK YOU.
I'LL ADMIT MY DEFEAT THIS TIME.

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S A PITY.
MY REAL BODY IS SOMEWHERE ELSE.
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME AND LOOK FOR IT.
!!
LET'S MEET AGAIN, SUN-COLORED ANGEL
SWISH

THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF A MANIFIS WITH A COMPLETE HUMAN BODY
HAVE THEY FINALLY EVOLVED SO FAR?
THAT'S QUITE TROUBLE-SOME...
...EXCUSE ME, BUT...
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS TO REPORT TO YOU PERSON-ALLY...?
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ALWAYS ATTRACTS ALL THE TOP-NOTCH MANIFIS
AND WHY ARE YOU FIDDLING WITH MY HAIR AT THE SAME TIME...
BECAUSE MUSSING YOUR HAIR FEELS GOOD

BUT MY GLOVE WAS RIPPED OFF. SO FOR THE TIME BEING...
YOUR LEFT HAND...
AH. THAT. I'M NOT HURT.
KIO, YOU SEEM TO BE BOTHERED BY THAT THING ON YOUR HAND.
BUT I DON'T MIND IT.
OF COURSE. IF THE OTHERS AMONG THE SEVEN KNEW ABOUT IT, THEY WOULD SAY THE SAME...
YOU ARE YOU AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.
EVERYONE LOVES YOU, KIO.

TO THIS DAY, AND FOREVER.
THE TOP FLOOR OF THE HOTEL WAS USED BY THE OWNER, BUT THE OWNER AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING
KIO'S LOST POINTS AGAIN?
WELL, IT TOOK QUITE A LOT TO RESTORE THE HOTEL, BUT THAT'S NOT THE CAUSE OF THE PENALTY.
THEN
BUT IN HIS REPORT
HE SAID TO TAKE OFF POINTS BECAUSE HE BROKE AN ANTENNA FROM AN UNRELATED HOUSE...
KIO...
You didn't need to mention that
YOUR HEALTH'S BACK TO NORMAL?
YEAH.


I..
DIDN'T YOU DO THE SAME?
IT'S INCRED-IBLE
HE CAME ALONE TO SAVE US

I WAS COMPLETELY FASCINATED WHEN HE GOT RID OF THOSE MANIFIS
DON'T YOU THINK KIO'S GOTTEN QUITE INCREDIBLE?

I WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME
SORRY DEAN

AND I TURNED BACK TO GO AND GET HELP, BUT THEN
—.
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I FOUND OUT THAT DEAN WAS CAPTURED BY CHANCE
AH.. I SEE

THE PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HIS TOP PRIORITY.
ONLY KIO WOULD RUN INTO SOMETHING KNOWING IT'S UNREASON-ABLE

YOU REALLY DO LIKE KIO, DON'T YOU, DEAN?
YOU WERE ALWAYS PICKING FIGHTS WITH HIM BECAUSE YOU WANTED HIM TO NOTICE YOU
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE
WHAT?
A... AH, SO, WE'D BETTER USE "LORD" WHEN WE TALK TO FRAW NOW, RIGHT?
I MEAN, UNLESS WE'RE ON EARTH
How should I know!
Actually a shock for him
YOU WEREN'T ... AWARE OF IT?
FROZEN

LORD FRAW
HE'S REALLY A LORD OF THE SEVEN
THAT'S HOW IT IS...
EVEN THOUGH HE FEELS SO CLOSE ON EARTH
IN THE ANGEL WORLD HE'S REALLY FAR AWAY

IF I WERE TO STAY WITH HIM,
IT WOULD ONLY BE A DISADVANTAGE TO HIM
FROM YOUR FACE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE FRAW BEHIND AGAIN
LORD JESSIE
YOU SEE, WHEN FRAW LEARNED THAT YOU HAD LEFT HIM BEHIND BACK THEN
EH.

BUT I COULD SEE HE WAS VERY SHAKEN.
He's running
Crow, it'd be quicker to fly
THEN HE FINALLY STARTED TO MOVE,

HIS FACE WENT STARK WHITE, AND HE WAS LOST IN HIS THOUGHTS FOR A WHILE

HIS EXPRESSION THEN

IT WAS THE SAME CRYING FACE FROM WHEN YOU WERE KIDS

LET'S GO.
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE HIM HAVE THAT EXPRESSION AGAIN?
KIO
Are you finished reporting?

IF FRAW CRIES AND SMILES BECAUSE OF ME...
THEN IT'S BETTER IF HE SMILES.
On Manifis duty.
I'm coming too
Manifis are scary
Don't shouldn't we stick together on earth?

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Hmm.
KIO, YOU STILL HAVEN'T MADE YOUR CHOICE?
HEY, LET'S BECOME FRIENDS
WHEN IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT AN ANGEL IS TO WORK ON EARTH, THEY HAVE TO FIND A CELESTIAL BEAST BY THEMSELVES
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP AFTER ALL.
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED, BUT...
YOU SEE, SILK WAS ATTACHED TO ANOTHER ANGEL BEFORE.
IT'D BE AMAZING IF YOU CAN BECOME FRIENDS WITH SILK HERE, WHEN SHE DOESN'T GET ALONG WITH ANYONE.
GOOD LUCK.
THIS IS THE ONE I WANT
YO! SILK! YOU LOOK GREAT TODAY.
HISSSS

ONE DAY, ON EARTH, THAT ANGEL WAS TOSSED BY A STRONG GUST OF WIND AND FELL IN A RIVER.
SOMEHOW HE MANAGED TO FLY OUT OF THE WATER,
BUT SILK WAS CARRIED AWAY.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE CURRENT WAS STRONG AND THE ANGEL GAVE UP ON TRYING TO SAVE HER AND CAME BACK TO THE ANGEL WORLD.
BUT SILK, EVEN BADLY INJURED, STILL MANAGED TO REGAIN THE RIVER'S BANK WITH HER OWN STRENGTH. THEN SHE WAS SAVED BY ANOTHER ANGEL'S CELESTIAL BEAST, WHO CAME ACROSS HER BY CHANCE.
Ah, she ran away.
THAT'S WHY SHE DOESN'T TRUST ANGELS.
Silk, I found you.
Do you want to eat some. Nono fruit?
BUT IF YOU REALLY WISH FOR IT, KIO,
You should come too, Silk.
glare
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOUR TIME AND WAIT FOR WHEN SHE FEELS LIKE IT.
HEY SILK

I WAS WONDERING IF THAT WAS YOU.
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO APPEAR FOR SO LONG
DO YOU THINK I'M STUBBORN?
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I WANT, SILK
Let's go Together
YOU SEE, I'M GOING TO BE ON MANIFIS DUTY, SO I CAN'T PROMISE YOU THAT IT WON'T BE DANGEROUS.
BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE FUN IF WE WENT TO EARTH TOGETHER.
AH!
I FELL ASLEEP!
And when Silk finally came out too.

◆Hey, Let's become friends / The End◆